



**Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,**

As I write my heart is overwhelmed with the kindness and love of God that He has shown to His people at Wakisa. I often remind God that these are His people not mine and I have seen His faithfulness through your generous heart .

*I want to Thank You for loving and supporting Wakisa Ministries girls through your giving and prayers for the work that gives them hope.*

## Admissions

5 new admissions were made .

The latest admission is a 16 year old Helen,4 months pregnant brought by Compassion International staff. Her single mum sells fish by the roadside to earn a living for her three children .The mother noticed Helen body and she took her for check up at the nearby clinic .She is still in shock of her pregnancy as she claims to have slept with her 18 year boyfriend only once. She thought it was normal for her to miss for monthly periods .There are a number girls with this mindset which is a good reason to include some biology



## At the Center

We are sheltering 32 girls at the center Their age range is between 13-18 years with one disabled and one HIV positive.

The girls that have been resettled with their families are 8 in number. 6 girls have been resettled with startup kits which included items like a sewing machine, hair drier rolling board and stick, frying pan, and a frying ladle, a pair of sandals, pads, knickers, versline, and diapers.

## Stanbic visit update



*stanbic team planting trees*



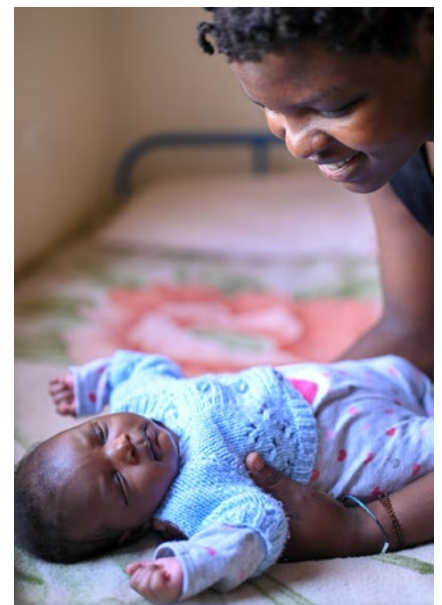
*wakisa director addressing stanbic team*



### Babies Born

Girls who had babies this month were 8. 5 baby boys and 3 baby girls. 5 pregnant mothers went for Antenatal care. 8 pregnant mothers went for Ultrasound sound scan, 7 pregnant mothers had good reports .The two mothers who are HIV+ left for home and the new one is living positively and taking her drugs.

Name	Gender	Age / Delivery
Doreen	baby girl	16 years
Trust	baby boy	15 years
Zam	baby boy	14 years / Csection
Pamela	baby boy	16 years
Doreen	baby boy.	14 years
Mariam	baby boy	17 years
Pamela	baby girl	16 years
Sarah	baby girl	17 years / C section



## VOCATIONAL SKILLS

### Agriculture

It has been a low yield of vegetables due to the long dry season so there been scanty growth of cabbages, spinach and eggplants. However the cassava and bananas were resistant to the heat and girls harvested some of them and enjoy them as part of their diet. The girls have had theory classes on weeding and watering the vegetable seedlings.

### Some Quotes and Stories :

“I never knew that one can grow spinach for sale and home consumption in small areas in bags of soils”

- Trust

“Since I started tailoring classes, I have learnt making various things, if I ever fail to get fabric I can always mend clothes for the community to earn and also make patchwork quilts to sale for some good money”

- Mercy, 17

*It is good to note that Harriet who is 15 is the best student in the tailoring class!*

“Cookery class has given a great dream of opening a place for making and selling snacks for the community”

- Diana, 16 years

“I have improved at my reading and listening skills. I can listen to a story and I understand it well, I am able to write a business letter. I look forward to going back to school with these new skills, thanks to the English teacher”

- Deborah, 16 years

“WAKISA MINISTRIES has instilled in me the fear of the Lord, hope in Him and I learnt committing my way and child to the Heavenly Father. This has made my life worthwhile”

- Lorna



“I come from a Moslem family but my father could not stop me from becoming a Christian at the age of 8. Brought up by Christian grandmother, I learnt a lot about Christianity. It was when I came to Wakisa that I clearly heard about the message of salvation during the morning devotions and Bible Study. When I made a commitment to follow Christ, I received peace and have hope for a better future as a Christian young girl. I have forgiven the boy who made me pregnant and my father who never raised me in his home”

- Peace, 16 years

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*Computer lessons ,Infant care ,Hair dressing, Art and Crafts classes have enabled girls to gain self-confidence.*

- Doreen 15 years

Is totally illiterate and now has a baby of one month and raised by an illiterate single mum who works as a house girl and never went to school. Doreen can't speak English but has benefited so much from the Knitting ,Agriculture and Tailoring classes .She is able to make baby clothes and many dresses and her great hope is to turn tailoring into an income generating project at home . She is one of the girls who will receive a sewing machine as a start up kit that were donated to Wakisa Ministries by Australian Alumni. Faith one of the staff members has embarked on teaching Doreen numeracy so that she is able to count the money she will receive .



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## Sponsorship Visit

Wakisa young mums, (16 of them) at St Michael High School were visited by our staff and they all seemed happy at school. One would not tell a difference between our mums and the rest of the school girls! The young mums try to keep 'being mothers' a top secret. This is social stigma becomes so evident in the way they are treated by fellow students once the information leaks. This is the reason the young mums refrain from being readmitted at their old school. It is the head teacher who is aware of our girls' status.

Please pray for more sponsors to get 85 young mums who are on the waiting so that they too can attain an Education. Currently we have 40 in school.

Agromax young mums (10) who are studying a 6 months Agriculture course, (the 11th one left the program) were visited by the Sponsors, the Hope Venture team which was led by Cyni. The girls shared with their sponsors what they had learnt and their future plans. They took the visitors for a tour of their green houses, recited a gratitude poem and danced for them and gave them gifts of some of their harvest; among such were green lemons, strawberries, tomatoes, yellow and red peppers, spring onion and zucchini.

We are proud of the 5 girls who were retained earlier after their course to work at Agromax. The 6th one left for a job outside after 2 years of working there

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## Outreach

It is such a blessing to see young mothers at home using the skills they acquired at Wakisa. Girls who were followed up in the month of July were 9. They are able to earn an income to support themselves and their babies. One Mary is a successful tailor and Beatrice is employed as a sales manager, while Dorcus is working as an assistant at a Church clinic. When she came to Wakisa Ministries Dorcus was a Muslim called Sharifa. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and now she is a devout Christian serving in church and also at the church's clinic and she became Dorcus.

She thanks Wakisa Ministries for preaching the gospel to her, loving her and praying for her. She is grateful for the counseling she received.

We found Agnes and parents anxious. Please pray for Agnes's baby who is now 9 months and is required to have an operation due to a condition vertical vaginal septum.

***This surgical procedure is going to cost 1,500,000 ugx ( 400US\$) which the parents of Agnes are trying to raise .I am appealing for your contribution towards this operation .***

## Other Activities

**Radio talk show** - Wakisa partnered with CAFOMI by being part of a radio talkshow to provide awareness on child rights , teenage pregnancies , gender based Violence (GBV) and Violence Against Children (VAC) this is a preventive measure aimed at reducing cases of child rights abuses including teenage pregnancies.

**Tree planting** at Wakisa The Stanbic bank staff through their Bank's Social Corporate

Investment Strategy, visited Wakisa and planted trees at the edge of Wakisa Land .The Wakisa Staff happily joined the exercise . They gave inkind donations to the young pregnant girls in form of food and toiletries.

**Capacity building** - Staff have had an oppourtunity to train in data and report analysis on the children First system by Ministry Of Gender( MOG) and an online workshop in digital fundraising and communication.

The Wakisa Health Center has the foundation completed but has stalled and we will be grateful for your support with the next phase of the counstruction

***We are profoundly grateful for standing with us, for your generous support in all the caring and training of the pregnant young girls .***

***Blessed is the Hand that Gives  
- Acts 20:35***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT GREAT SUPPORT . I STAND IN AWE OF THE LORD FOR THE WAY HE HAS TAKEN CARE OF WAKISA GIRLS THROUGH YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT

May bless you and your family !

**In Christ**

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